

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: AMORPHOUS HARD CARBON FILM, MECHANICAL PARTS AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING AMORPHOUS HARD CARBON FILM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
For Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

May 8, 2001

Prior to calculation of the fee and examination on the merits
of the above-identified patent application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 and 6-12 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) Mechanical part having a sliding portion,
characterized in that the sliding portion is coated with an
amorphous hard carbon film mainly comprising carbon and hydrogen
and metal oxide.